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Great Lakes Border Health Initiative Steering Committee

GLBHI is directed by a Steering Committee that consists of the co-chairs of each of the subcommittees, including the chairs of the ad hoc committees, if they wish to attend, the state/provincial leads for each of the GLBHI member states & Ontario, as well as the provisional states, and several key individuals from local public health, tribes/First Nations and federal organizations.

The Steering Committee reviews the grant requirements each year, as dictated by DHHS and the CDC, and determines which tasks will be undertaken for the upcoming grant cycle, and by which committee. They also oversee the progress of tasks assigned to the subcommittees, and have the final approval rights for new members to GLBHI.

The Steering Committee currently oversees four primary subcommittees comprised of health, legal, food safety, and emergency preparedness professionals representing all levels of public health – local to federal. The subcommittees meet each month to discuss best practices and means to achieve specific goals per the DHHS/CDC agreement. Each of the committees is chaired by one American representative and one Canadian representative whenever possible, in order to ensure equal representation within GLBHI for both sides of the border.

The Steering Committee meets monthly via teleconference and once yearly in person at the GLBHI annual conference.

The 2008-2009 Steering committee is chaired by Kathy Allen-Bridson of Michigan and Phil Graham of Ontario.